

81 first waist region, a first recloseable flap secured over the first discontinuity, and a first fastener for recloseably joining the first flap to the backsheet.

Page 7, line 6, after "forms" and before "and" delete "aperture 44" and insert therefor -- opening 41--.

Page 7, line 15, after "through" and before "Once" delete "aperture 44" and insert therefor -- opening 41--.

Page 7, line 19, after "over" and before "by" delete "aperture 44" and insert therefor -- opening 41--.

Page 12, line 6, after "an" and before "which" delete "aperture 44" and insert therefor -- opening 41--.

Page 12, line 6, after "of" delete "aperture 44" and insert therefor --opening 41--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Line 6 after "by" and before "discontinuity" delete "the" and insert therefor --at least one--.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the attached pages 1/12 and 2/12 for the proposed amended drawings recited in Applicants' amendment filed on November 23, 1998.

Please substitute the attached pages 3/12, 5/12, 6/12, and 8/12 for those filed on June 2, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 16, 21-22, 28-31, 34-36, 40-42, and 45-81 without prejudice.

Please rewrite Claim 11 as follows:

11. (3rd Amendment) An absorbent article, the article having [a] at least one removable absorbent core component, a first waist region, a second waist region, and a crotch region positioned between the first waist region and the second waist region, the absorbent article further comprising:

82 a backsheet joined to a fluid pervious topsheet, the backsheet comprising a web; and an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, the absorbent core comprising a non-removable first absorbent core component disposed in at least the crotch region and at least one removable second absorbent core component removably disposed in the first waist region and in fluid communication with the first absorbent core component, wherein the backsheet further comprises first access means for providing access to the removable second absorbent core component through the backsheet so that the removable